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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE A

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action, mailed on September 30, 2004, and in accordance with Rule 1.111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following election.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

Amendment of the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.